

**Hamilton Pedestrian Safety Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**  
**4:15p.m.**  
**Village Library**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairs: Dan Rains and Susan Marafino, Members: Carol Bergen, Shaun Richard, and Julie Dudrick; Ad hoc Member Cameron Costa; Trustee Sam Cooper.

**Public Present:** Betsy Fischer, Erin Fett, Haley Goldman, Emily Greiff, Katy McDonald, Sheila Reagan, Elizabeth Ramsey, and Bailey DiDmio, Colgate students from Environmental Studies Class.

**Call to Order:** Chair Marafino called the meeting to order at 4:20pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** A **motion** was made by Trustee Cooper to approve the agenda as written. The **motion** was seconded by Member Dudrick and carried.

**Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 15, 2011:** The following changes were requested: Delete “Acting and Co” from the minutes. Under Approval of Minutes delete the second “and carried”. Change under Walkability Survey: Schull to Scull, delete syllabus and add Environmental Studies course. Under Safe Route to Schools insert after stages, of discussing.

Chair Marafino welcomed all guests.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**5-Way Intersection:** No report.

**Safe Routes to School Grant:** There is no current grant cycle for this year. Nextdoor Hamilton comments to Member Frank’s sidewalk question did not have the desired effect. Existing homes without sidewalks are not required to put in a sidewalk. Trustee Cooper stated new construction requires a sidewalk. Trustee Cooper asked DOT today if the current grant could be extended. The budget is expected to be complete by April 2012.

**Lebanon/Maple/Eaton Street Intersection:** Member Marafino asked Trustee Cooper when the 4-way stop signs will be installed.

**Bicycle Racks:** The expense of new racks was discussed. Contacting Dewitt Godfrey at Colgate was discussed regarding his sculpture students possibly fabricating bike racks. Trustee Cooper stated he wants to get pictures of what a bike rack would look like on Broad Street for the DOT.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation by Environmental Studies Class:** Member Dudrick explained that there are 5 groups, 4 of which will give presentations today. What they are looking for from the Pedestrian Safety Committee is input on their literature, what should be added or deleted, and advice on the next steps to take.

*Group 1-walkability study:* They will be designing a walkability study that students and residents will take part in. They are modeling their survey after the AARP Sidewalks and Streets Survey. The Committee was asked for their advice. The Committee suggested having residents and students walk together, having people walk their normal route at their regular time, using publicity to get the word out, having the survey available on line, and having a two hour walking event on march 24, 2012. Trustee Cooper stated he would like to see these students give a presentation to the Board and get the Mayor’s support. Chair Marafino thought the committee could help support and get the word out.

*Group 2-senior citizens:* This group will concentrate on transit, walkability, will interview and survey focus groups, and transportation. Chair Marafino stated that for short run, in town trips, transportation is needed more than bus schedules.

The Cruiser is available to the public but may not be accessible to elderly residents. Trustee Cooper suggested the students address the rural, elderly, living alone, wanting to stay in their home folks, and ways to help them.

*Group 3-bikeability study:* This group gathered information to increase Hamilton bikeability. The information will now be inputted into a GIS system. Bike safety, community bikes, special bike to work days, community involvement, signage, and bike rack design and placements were all items discussed. Chair Marafino stated the concern of deserted bikes through Green Bikes Program at Colgate and wanted to know if this group could address this issue.

*Group 4-transportation and quality of life survey:* A survey will be mailed to a random sampling of the residents. The survey covers general perceptions, commuting to work, school, walking, public transportation, driving, biking, and demographics. This group is requesting the Committee look through the survey and email them back. A postcard with hopefully an endorsement from the Mayor on it will be mailed out first, then the survey. Trustee Cooper requested a timeline from the four groups.

**Snowmobiles on trails:** Trustee Cooper stated that law says that snowmobiles are prohibited in the Village. If they want to allow them there must be an action and no action was taken.

**Curb Cuts W. Kendrick & Lebanon Streets:** Tabled. Trustee Cooper stated the priority should be Pine St, Maple Ave and W. Pleasant.

**Complete Streets Workshop in Syracuse 3/6/12:** Julie Dudrick and Trustee Cooper will attend.

Next meeting will be **March 20, at 4:15pm**, at the Library.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Rains made a **motion** to adjourn. The **motion** was seconded by Member Bergen and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Submitted by,  
Kim Taranto